

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given this case in the Office Action mailed February 22, 2006. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-24 and 50-53 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-24 and 50-53 stand rejected under the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,682,596. Accordingly, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer together with a Statement of Assignee with this response disclaiming patent term beyond the expiration of U.S. Patent No. 6,682,596. As such, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn and claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-24 and 50-53 should be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that pending claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-24 and 50-53 are now in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0436 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

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